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IN PHILIPPINES

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1. GAO WISHES TO PUBLISH WHATEVER PORTION OF REFTEL DEPARTMENT WILL RELEASE IN THEIR REPORT ON AAFLI IN PHILIPPINES. WHILE MESSAGE CANNOT BE WITHHELD UNDER CURRENT FOI STATUTES, WE BELIEVE PUBLICATION OF SOME PORTIONS CAN AND SHOULD BE WITHHELD ON GROUNDS THESE LIKELY TO DAMAGE U.S. RELATIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

2. WITH THIS IN MIND, WE RECOMMEND RELEASE OF REFTEL AS INDICATED BELOW:

A. PARAGRAPH 1. RELEASE IN FULL.

B. PARAGRAPH 2. AFTER DELETIONS SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

"2. FOREIGN BI-LATERAL AID, FES (FRIEDRICH EBERT STIFTUNG),
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WEST GERMANY, PROBABLY LARGEST NON-U.S. NATIONAL ENTITY IN

LABOR ASSISTANCE FIELD, EMPLOYING 3 GERMANS FULLTIME. THEY ARE PROJECT-ORIENTED AND HAVE NO YEARLY BUDGET AS SUCH."

C. PARAGRAPH 3. RELEASE IN FULL.

D. PARAGRAPH 4. RELEASE IN FULL.

3. PARAGRAPH 5. AFTER DELETIONS WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

"5. ICFTU/ARO ACTIVITIES IN PHILIPPINES MINIMAL (SEE MANILA 1635), CONSISTING PRINCIPALLY FUNDING FOR TICKETS TO REGIONAL CONFERENCES."

F. PARAGRAPH 6. WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE RELEASED.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS.

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